

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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<b>SUBJECT:</b> Hardship Assistance Grant - Allowable Expenses		<b>POLICY NO:</b> 415
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> Department Personnel Veteran Service Officers	<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> ACOVA Mtg 11/19/2021	<b>PAGE NO:</b> 1 of 1

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- 1) Medical expenses allowed to be deducted from net income:
  - a. Medical insurance premiums, i.e., health, hospital, optical, dental, Medicare, Long-Term care
  - b. Prescription drug costs
  - c. Payments of ongoing medical bills
    - i. Based on monthly average of last calendar year total
    - ii. Actual current year expenses not included in previous year
  - d. Ongoing medical expenses for applicant's certified service animal
  - e. Over-the-counter medical products
  - f. Mileage allowable:
    - i. Ongoing care or required treatment plan requiring travel beyond a oneway 25-mile driving distance from home
    - ii. Calculated based on the state rate
    - iii. Documentation will be required
    - iv. Cannot be claimed if being reimbursed by other sources
  - g. Rent for Long term care facility if receiving Medicaid or VA Aid and Attendance
    - i. Documentation required
  - h. Assisted or Independent living facility expenses for Activities of Daily Living assistance.
    - i. Dressing
    - ii. Transferring
    - iii. Bathing
    - iv. Prescription management
    - v. Documentation required
- 2) Documentation required for medical expenses
  - a. Monthly medical expenses less than \$200 total do not require documentation
- 3) After all other deductions, 20% of net income may be deducted for living expenses.